

# Council Member Mike Sullivan's Newsletter

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## Residents of District E,

There has been a lot of press about recent activities at City Hall. Some relate to the recently passed budget and the impact that has on city services going forward. There is no doubt that we can anticipate falling revenue for the city's coffers in the months ahead. Sales tax revenue is already slowing. Appraised property values have fallen in many communities around the city. New construction has slowed significantly, and permit revenues are down as well.

It is more important than ever that the city watch its expenditures, and while I have always been a voice for fiscal conservatism, I will ratchet that up quite a bit in the months ahead. I am always working hard to find a perfect balance between providing the most services possible to my council district, coupled with the need not to waste tax money. You can count on me to be a strong, conservative, and respected voice for you at city hall.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

**Mike Sullivan**  
Council Member

## Council Member Sullivan Participates in July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

Council Member Sullivan rode horse back among the Houston Police Department's Mounted Patrol during this year's annual Fourth of July Parade in Kingwood. Also in attendance was Mayor Bill White who walked alongside Council Member Sullivan greeting and shaking hands with the Kingwood community.

Council Member Sullivan wants to thank the Kingwood Civic Club for sponsoring this year's Fourth of July parade and other activities.



## Woodland Hills Drive Bridge Construction Status

Council Member Sullivan inspected the repair site of the Woodland Hills Drive Bridge on July 27, 2009 with Tracy Wingate, the Assistant Director of Public Works. The concrete culverts have been placed, concrete has been poured to form the first part of the bridge deck and half of the earthen dam has been removed to allow water to flow through the culverts.

The work is expected to take a couple of more weeks to complete. Crews still have to pour concrete for the remaining bridge deck, install guardrails, construct the pedestrian bridge and finish up with an overlay of the asphalt roadway from the entrance to the Barrington all the way down to the gate that enters River Grove Park.

The bridge is now open as of August 7<sup>th</sup>.



## UPDATE: Woodland Hills Bridge



*Council Member Sullivan and officials from the City of Houston's Public Works Department*

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, Council Member Sullivan had a public ribbon cutting ceremony for the Kingwood community to mark the occasion of the reopening of the Woodland Hills Bridge and the tireless efforts of the City of Houston's Public Works Department.

Kingwood residents, city officials and the Kingwood Service Association joined together to celebrate the completion of construction and allowable public access to the bridge and neighboring Rivergrove Park. Several people gathered to cut the ribbon granting access to the bridge for the first time since April.

Kingwood resident, Jim Harding was the first one to drive across the bridge.

## Kingwood Library Construction Update



Construction on the new Kingwood Library is on schedule. A picture is provided of last month's progress and is published every month for residents to know what progress has been made.

To the left is a picture of the library as of July 6th.

The new library is set to open in December this year.

## Project Updates

- Dedicated right turn lanes have been approved for all directions at the intersection of Kingwood Drive and West Lake Houston Parkway.
- The new Kingwood Library will be complete by December.
- Designs are underway for a new community center.
- Widening of Northpark is under design.
- Major concrete road repairs have begun on all major thoroughfares.

## Ellington Rams Host Council Member Sullivan at Meeting

President of the Ellington Rams Football Team, Travis Watson, invited Council Member Sullivan to speak at the Ellington Membership Meeting in response to the teams' need for more permanent fields. The football team is currently using temporary fields, and is interested in calling Sylvan Rodriguez Park home. Council Member provided an update on the long term master plan for SRP and suggested ways to contact the Parks Department to let them know the team's interest.



*Council Member Sullivan addressing the Ellington Rams board and parents*

## Council Member Sullivan Hosts Flooding and Drainage Town Hall



*District E constituents showing Council Member Sullivan pictures of flooding*

On Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, Council Member Sullivan hosted a regional flooding and drainage town hall meeting for his constituents who reside in the South Belt - Ellington area.

City officials from Public Works, Harris County Flood Control District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers attended to present information regarding past projects and studies as well as to answer questions audience members had. Representatives from the offices of Rep. Pete Olson, Rep. John Davis, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, Harris County Precinct 1 commissioner El Franco Lee and Harris county Precinct 2 Commissioner Sylvia Garcia also attended.

Efforts are underway for Council Member Sullivan to host a follow up meeting within the next 90 days.

Weren't able to make the meeting? Read the write up in the [South Belt-Ellington Leader](#).

## Project Updates

- Edgebrook construction is complete and now open.
- Sagemont Community Center design work is underway
- Outdoor lighting for Law Park has been approved and will be installed in early 2010.
- South Shaver extension paving is planned to start in summer 2010.
- J.S. Bracewell Library is set to open at the end of 2009.
- Monroe Road improvements are under construction and are set to be completed by Dec. 31, 2009.
- METRO has added additional bus trips to the afternoon Fuqua Park and Ride service.

## Bay Oaks Community Association Meets in Response to Recent Burglaries

Council Member Sullivan attended the Crime Watch Kick-Off Meeting that the Bay Oaks Community Association hosted in response to a recent round of burglaries in the neighborhood. About 150 Bay Oaks residents attended the meeting where they heard the progress that had been made in arresting the suspects responsible. Officer Randy Derr reported that at least two men had admitted to the break-ins and the Houston Police Department gave suggestions as to what the residents can do to prevent such crimes happening to them.



*Officer Randy Derr, Renu Bonner, Sarita Singh and Council Member Mike Sullivan*

## District E Celebrates Apollo's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



*Council Member Sullivan and Cindy Harreld, President of the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce*

Council Member Sullivan and the Clear Lake community, along with Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership and the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce gathered at the Johnson Space Center on July 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lunar Landing and all of NASA's Apollo missions.

The family event hosted Apollo era speakers Chris Craft, Gerry Griffin and George Abbey and flight directors Glynn Lunney and Gene Kranz as well as astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

All remembered the days of Apollo, while some offered their thoughts of where they believed space travel is being directed.



## Project Updates

- Railroad crossings along Highway 3, between Clear Lake City Blvd and Bay Area Blvd have been repaired.
- Concrete repairs are underway on major Clear Lake area thoroughfares.
- \$250,000 in overtime has been designated for use by HPD Clear Lake substation.
- Ellington Airport has almost \$50 million dollars in military construction projects now underway.
- Council Member Sullivan received the Clear Lake traffic operations study draft. The final report should be ready by October 1, 2009.

## Follow Council Member Sullivan on Twitter and Facebook

Keep up to date with what is going on all week in District E by following Council Member Sullivan on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Read about events, meetings and district and city news and view pictures from recent engagements Council Member Sullivan has attended.

Tell us what you think!

## Guidry News Interview

Council Member Sullivan was the special guest on Pat Patton's internet interview show on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Pat's interview focused on accomplishing dreams and living lives of excellence and spotlighted Council Member's community service, his commitment to his constituents and his genuine interest in making a difference in people's lives.

To listen to the interview please visit [www.guidrynews.com](http://www.guidrynews.com).



*Council Member Sullivan and Pat Patton*

## Council Member Sullivan Attends the Graduation of HPD Cadet Class 204



*Council Member Sullivan, Chief Harrold Hurtt and Officer Kristy Inocencio*

Class 204 gathered July 28<sup>th</sup> to graduate from cadet to officer from the Houston Police Academy. For the first time, the 66 new officers wore their official badges and blue uniforms with pride as they celebrated their hard work and transition into a Houston Police Officer.

Council Member Sullivan attended the graduation ceremony and congratulated Class 204 for their achievements.

## Council Member Sullivan Tours Police Academy

Council Member Sullivan and his staff had the opportunity to tour the Houston Police Academy last month to learn about the internal operations of the Houston Police Department.

While touring, Council Member Sullivan had the chance to speak to Cadet Class 204 who graduated the following day. He briefly spoke giving words of encouragement and assurance that the City of Houston is proud to have all 66 new officers protecting the community.

Lieutenant Faucek also presented Council Member Sullivan with photos of recent cadet graduation classes during roll call and an official police patch.



*Council Member Sullivan speaking to Cadet Class 204*

## Changes to the City of Houston's Sign Ordinance

During a Houston City Council meeting last month, amendments to the sign code ordinance were passed. Due to changes in sign technology and business practices, Mayor White appointed a task force to determine and review changes that needed to be addressed with the standing ordinance.

The new changes include reducing the maximum allowable height and square footage of signs, eliminating roof signs and regulating electronic displays. These new guidelines apply only to those business signs installed after September 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

## Council Member Sullivan Donates Equipment to the Houston Fire Department



*Assistant Chief Adrian Trevino, Council Member Sullivan and Assistant Chief Kevin Alexander*

On Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Council Member Sullivan was proud to present the Houston Fire Department with \$26 thousand dollars worth of equipment. For the past two consecutive years, and Council Member's first term, equipment has been donated with the surplus money left over in his annual budget. Items provided include chain saws, plywood, thermal imaging cameras, Cyanamid kits, etc. Council Member Sullivan spoke with firefighters and Chief Karen Dupont in the recent months to establish what the department's needs were.

To show their gratitude, Assistant Chief's Adrian Trevino and Kevin Alexander presented Council Member Sullivan with a certificate of appreciation.

## Council Member Sullivan Visits District E Fire Stations

Over the course of two weeks, Council Member Sullivan dedicated time to eat breakfast and dinner with all 14 Houston Fire Department Stations in his District in order to show his support to the men and women that serve our community. He was impressed by the dedication and professionalism of HFD's Fire Fighters and enjoyed the time spent with all shifts.

District E has more fire stations than all other council districts.



**Station 52**  
July 20, 2009



**Station 53**  
July 19, 2009



**Station 61**  
July 11, 2009



**Station 65**  
July 14, 2009



**Station 70**  
July 11, 2009



**Station 72**  
July 13, 2009





**Station 93**  
July 18, 2009



**Station 94**  
July 17, 2009



**Station 101**  
July 16, 2009



**Station 102**  
July 10, 2009



**Station 103**  
July 15, 2009



**Station 104**  
July 14, 2009



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July 13, 2009

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